WELCOME to ST. JOHN EVANGELIST PARISH



MARCH 19, 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS SCHEDULE 5:30 pm Saturday 5:30 pm Sunday 9:00 am Wednesday & Friday 7:00 am 1st Friday-Pine Haven 10:00 am 2nd Friday-Prairie Crossing 10:00 am

PARISH OFFICE

Hours: Monday-Friday 7:30 - 3:30 PM 601 Valley Road, Kohler WI 53044

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- 1. Join the Parish
- 2. Schedule a Baptism
- 3. Schedule a Mass Intention
- 4. Any other questions or concerns

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PRAY THE ROSARY DURING THE WEEK:

Monday-Friday at 6:40 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

1st Fridays-6:00 - 6:45 am St. John Evangelist Sundays 8:00 - 8;45 am St. John Evangelist 1st & 2nd Saturdays-3:00 pm-Blessed Trinity 3rd, 4th & 5th Saturdays-3:00 pm-St. John Evangelist

LAY MINISTERS FOR MARCH 25/26					
MASSES	Saturday, 5:30 pm	Sunday, 9:00 am			
Lectors	Beth Zadalis	Susan Vavra Joseph Becker			
Servers		Emma LaFata Liam LaFata			
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		Susan Vavra			
Ushers	Volunteer Volunteer	John Multer Jeffrey Goodchild			
Sacristan	Connie Katchkey	Julia Rodemeier Steve O'Neil			
Greeters	Judy Grey	Tom & Sharon Reilly			



As long as I am in the WORLD, I am the LIGHT of the WORLD.

John 9:5

²From Father Schmeckel:

This Sunday, our Gospel is the story of Jesus healing the blind man and all the controversies with the Pharisees that ensue. During these few weeks of Lent, the Gospel is quite long and has many details. I encourage you to spend time pre-reading or re-reading the readings to help you understand and receive what Jesus has to say to all of us. Here are some of the recent and upcoming passages:



Third Sunday of Lent – John 4:5-42 – Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well

Fourth Sunday of Lent – John 9:1-41 – Jesus and the man born blind Fifth Sunday of Lent – John 11:1-45 – the raising of Lazarus from the dead Palm Sunday – Matthew 26:14-27:66 – the Passion and Death of Jesus

Last Saturday, 97 men participated in the "Men of Christ Conference", hosted at Blessed Trinity Parish. It was a great morning for men in our area to grow in their Catholic faith, their vocations as fathers and men, and to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to all the men and women from both parishes who helped to organize this excellent morning and all the behind-the-scenes work to make it go so well. Thank you also to Fathers Zach Weber and Dick Fleischmann for their help in hearing confessions.

Looking ahead, the "Women of Christ Conference" will happen on November 18, 2023, at the Brookfield Conference Center. I would love to be able to hire a bus to take a large group from our parishes this year; so, mark your calendars and look for more information about the opportunity to attend.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called **Laetare Sunday**. You will notice that the priest's vestments are rose/pink colored. This lighter and brighter color reminds us that we are about halfway through Lent and our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It also marks a shift in our readings and the tone of our celebrations. At weekday Mass, the readings shift from focusing on our own conversion to focusing more on Jesus as He prepares to go to Calvary to be crucified.

Laetare Sunday gets its name from the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass in Latin: Laetare, lerusalem, et conventum facite, omnes qui diligetis eam... (the Entrance Antiphon is scriptural verse sung, usually with a Psalm, at the beginning of Mass, often we use a hymn in its place. I quoted this first in Latin because it's still our official language as Catholics!) In English the full meaning is: "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast." This comes from Isaiah 66:10-11. It reminds us to rejoice – even during Lent. It reminds us to be glad – even when we have sorrow or loss in our lives. Why? Jesus gives the answer in the Gospel today in his conversation with the man who was blind from birth, "I am the light of the world." Jesus is the light of the world, and so we can rejoice because He is leading us from gloom and sorrow and sin – into joy and life and goodness!

PALM SUNDAY MASSES: Palm Sunday is the weekend of April 1/2. Due to the length of the Mass with the reading of the Passion, Masses will be held at **5:45 pm on Saturday**, **April 1** and **8:30 am on Sunday**, **April 2**. Palms should be picked up as you enter church then Parishioners should gather under the canopy to begin the Mass. Those with mobility issues may wait in church until the rest of the congregation processes in.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 18	Blessed Trinity	4:00 pm	†Victor & Helen Kampmann by Family, †Jerzy & Nora Salata by Family
Saturday Sunday Sunday	March 18 March 19 March 19	St. John's St. John's Blessed Trinity	5:30 pm 9:00 am 10:30 am	†Marilyn Jarvis by Chuck & Jane Waldoch †Lydia Turba and Annette & Myron LaPean Mass for Parishioners
Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday	March 21 March 22 March 23 March 24	Blessed Trinity St. John's Blessed Trinity St. John's	9:00 am 7:00 am 9:00 am 7:00 am	†Robert Nebel by Bettag Family †Sophia Kubiak by Tom & Sharon Reilly †Betty Ann Neuman by Liz Holtz †John & Margaret Sromovsky by Benishek
Saturday Saturday	March 25 March 25	Blessed Trinity St. John's	4:00 pm 5:30 pm	Family †Sylvester & Eleanora Regan by Regan Family Trust, †Mike Ferk by Liz Holtz †Susan Vavra & Family by Teresa Bettag
Sunday Sunday	March 26 March 26	St. John's St. John's Blessed Trinity	9:00 am	Mass for Parishioners

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UPDATE GRADES 7 - 12: On this fourth Sunday of Lent, we read from St. John's gospel about the man born blind whom Jesus heals. In a spiritual sense, we are all born blind until we learn to recognize Jesus through faith. This then is our challenge in religious education and throughout life, to pray to have eyes of faith. St. John Chrysostom, an early Church father of the 4th century, known for his preaching and holiness said "when we teach our children to be good, to be gentle, to be forgiving, to be generous, to love their fellow men and women, to regard this present age as nothing, we instill virtue in their souls, and reveal the image of God within them. This then is our task, to educate both ourselves and our children in godliness. Otherwise, what answer will we have before Christ's judgment seat?" Likewise, Servant of God Fulton Sheen said, "To a great extent the world is what we make it. We get back what we give. If we sow hate, we reap hate; if we scatter love and gentleness, we harvest love and happiness. Other people are like a mirror which reflects back on us the kind of image we cast." Let us lean into Lent this year and work on truly "seeing" Jesus in ourselves, in our families, friends and foes and in our Church and in all of creation. With this new vision, we can begin to rejoice and live as children of light because Christ will give us light, just like we read in St. Paul's letter to the

Finally, March 19 typically celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph, but this year, we observe his feast on Monday, March 20. St. Joseph is a wonderful model of someone who had eyes of faith since he trusted and obeyed God with the unfolding mystery of his role in our salvation. May we be encouraged to follow his good example of faithfulness and trust. "See" you at Mass.

~Teresa Bettag, Director of Religious Education Grades 7 - 12

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Will be offered at St. John Evangelist Parish on Saturday, March 25 at 3:00 pm and Sunday, March 26 from 8:00 - 8:45 am.

Ephesians today.

FINANCIAL: MARCH 11/12, 2023: Collection: (contribution envelopes, electronic giving and loose offering): \$6,853.00.

EVENTS CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

9:30 - 11 am Women's Group

Walking With Purpose

12:00 pm AA Meeting Church hall

3:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation 9:00 am Mass (Choir Sings)

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

8:30 - 11:00 am Mission Society 6:30 - 8:00 pm Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

6:30 - 8:00 PM Pastoral Council

Meeting

Conference Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

2:00 - 3:00 pm Bible Group

Church Hall

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 am Mass

5:15 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

9:30 - 11 am Women's Group

Walking With Purpose

12:00 pm AA Meeting

Church hall

5:30 pm Mass

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 - 8:45 am Reconciliation

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9:00 am Mass

EASTER BASKETS: The Religious Education Committee will be assembling Easter Baskets to deliver to homebound parishioners. If you have any gently used Easter baskets which you would like to donate, please set them in the Gathering Space by Friday, March 31.

Lent Through the Scriptures by Fr. Bob Lotz: Will be held on Tuesdays, March 21 & 28 from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Catholic Life Center Meeting Room at Blessed Trinity Parish. Join others in exploring the Biblical themes popular during Lent. Each session includes time for reflection and journaling. The themes will be:

March 21: Entering the Desert, Temptation and Forgiveness

March 28: The Seven Last Words of Jesus

Please contact Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 to sign up or for more details.

MARCH WINE & HOSTS: In Memory of Lewie & Louella Conway & Chuck from Family.

THANK YOU!: After many years of volunteer service to St. John Evangelist Parish, Lois Multer and Carole Johnson have decided to retire from their weekly tasks. A heartfelt thank you to both of them for keeping the sanctuary clean for many years!

LENTEN FISH FRY: St. John the Baptist Parish 115 Plymouth Street, Plymouth will serve lightly breaded fish on Fridays during Lent from 4:00 - 6:30 pm. Dinner

includes coleslaw, applesauce, bread, homemade desserts and a choice of noodles, American potato salad or chips. Soda and beer are available for purchase. Cost is \$15.00 for large, \$12.00 for small or \$7.00 for vegetarian. Credit cards are accepted.



SOUPER SUNDAYS IN

LENT: Stop in the Gathering Space after 9:00 am Sunday Mass at St.

John's during Lent to pick up a quart of homemade soup TO GO. Your free-will donation will go towards the Human Concerns Lenten project to support the Society for the Friends of Children in Honduras. Three different soups will be available. Please contact Sharon Reilly at 920-980-9622 email reillys53044@gmail.com for more information or if you would be willing to provide a crockpot/nesco of your favorite soup.



Pray, Reconcile & Rejoice 12 Hours of Reconciliation

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 From 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Hosted by St. Peter Claver Parish

1439 South 12th Street, Sheboygan

Please use the parking lot entrance to enter the building.

12 hours of Reconciliation will also take place in Fond Du Lac on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm hosted by Holy Family Parish, 27 Fourth Street Way, as well as other locations throughout the Milwaukee Archdiocese.

Please see the Archdiocesan website for more information regarding times and locations https://archmil.org



FOR



Sunday, March 19 & Wednesday, March 22 7 p.m. in St. Dominic Church





Corner of N. 21st Street & Geele Avenue





SOCIEDAD AMIGOSDE LOS NINOS 2023 LENTEN ALMSGIVING INITIATIVE

Organized by:

Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee – St. John Evangelist Parish, Kohler

Human Concerns Committee – Blessed Trinity Parish, Sheboygan Falls



Sincere thanks to the many who have already donated so generously to the **SOCIEDAD**AMIGOS DE LOS NINOS (SAN). Keep in mind that your donations will be used to providing housing, care, education, and clean water for orphaned, abandoned, neglected, and abused children in Honduras.

Checks/cash can be dropped into church offertory collection baskets using designated envelopes, drop off at the Parish Office during office hours, or mail it in to one of the Parishes.

Donations thru the weekend of March 11/12, 2023: \$5,442.00

If you write a check, please designate "SAN" or "Lenten Almsgiving" on the memo line. All donations are tax deductible. The last day of the collection will be Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023. ~John Egan, St. John Evangelist Parish Human Concerns/Social Justice Committee

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 DOORS OPEN @ 11:30 AM MEAL BEGINS @ 12 NOON



ALL ARE WELCOME

handicap accessible & child friendly/booster seats available DINE IN ONLY

GRATIS ~ COMPLIMENTARY ~ FREE

RSVP PRIOR TO APRIL 3
ONLINE: HTTPS://BIT.LY/SJBEASTERMEAL

CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 920-892-4006



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
CHURCH HALL
115 PLYMOUTH ST
PLYMOUTH, WI 53073







Sunday, March 26, 2022 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Plymouth, WI

SOUP GRANZA
Your choice:
Chili
Idaho Baked Potato

Chicken & Dumpling

Gluten-free Idaho Baked Potato Available)

Dine-In: \$12.00 Adult & \$6.00 Children 5-10yrs

Free under 5 Years of Age

Carry-Out: Pints \$7.00 / Ouarts \$10.00

Cheese and crackers included with Dine-In Meal Grab a sweet treat at our free-will cookie sale!



To the parishes of St. John Evangelist and Blessed Trinity,

Please accept my sincere appreciation to everyone who supported our Annual Archdiocesan Men of Christ Conference. So many helped with the Invitation/Registration drive. Numerous people were 'tabbed' to pass on the invitations, make the calls, hand out posters, flyers, etc. We cast-out into the deep and netted 97 men from St. John Evangelist, Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan

North & South parishes, Plymouth, Elkhart, Random Lake, and Fredonia areas.

All the efforts are so worth it when we see men intentionally praying, confessing, and adoring our Lord and being empowered by His graces. What an awesome example to their sons/daughters and wives. As you know, hearts are changed at these events. So, when we see men taking action, everyone wins.

Fr. Zach Weber was our celebrant with Fr. Schmeckel for the Mass. Fr. Dick Fleischman helped with Confessions. Dan Guell led the Patriotic Rosary and Mike Steger lead prayers in the Adoration room. Rob Wenberg was our emcee with Tim Woodworth/Terry Rotter manning the Video stream. Eric Riesselmann held down the Registrations with Dewy Glancey's Ushering

crew. Kevin Reagan's Food Committee did an awesome job in the kitchen with Gina Schefsky, Kathy Audino, Rita Woodworth, and Ann Wieseckel showing us how to do it right. Of course, Zach Holzer's music complimented the theme and Jim Jordan's Photo-expertise captured the event for everyone. I'm unintentionally leaving out half the TMIY guys who helped but suffice to say everyone made the day memorable again!

Blessings and thanks for all you do! Mark Weber, M.O.C. (TMIY) coordinator



Save the Date! Suicide Prevention and Awareness Training:
Hosted by the Catholic Life Center on Wednesday, April 19 from 7:00 - 8:00
pm in the Blessed Trinity Parish Church Basement Meeting Room. Mary Karls, who has a Master's Degree in mental health nursing and almost 40 years work experience will be on hand to discuss this important subject. She will

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FROM TERESA BETTAG (DRE Grades 7-12): Our last night of Religious Education classes is that evening. Parents of students in Grades 7-12 who need/want to attend with your student, please let me know at teresab@btsje.org. Otherwise, parents are welcome to attend and then pick up your student at St. John's after 8:00 pm when the presentation is done.

The Catholic Life Center

Mission: "To engage and unite our intergenerational faith community in learning and fellowship."

Sponsoring parishes: St. John Evangelist, Kohler and Blessed Trinity, Sheboygan Falls Contacts: John O'Dell, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 315 and Mary Waitkus, Co-Director, 920-467-4616, ext. 314



www.blessedtrinitysheboyganfalls.org/CLC

April 2023



COVID Update: Masks are optional. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

Sacraments by Bishop Barron April 19 & 26, and May 3, 10, 17 & 24



Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 am, CLC-Meeting Room

"Bishop Barron takes a fresh look at the seven sacraments of the Church in all their theological depth, spirituality, and wonder: Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Reconciliation, the Anointing of the Sick, Matrimony, and Holy Orders." Join us for the videos and discussion.

**Register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist (A <u>Formed.org</u> Series) Tuesday, April 4 and Wednesday, April 12



10:00-11:00 am, CLC-Meeting Room

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. Join us for the videos and discussion.

April 4 Episode 4, Biblical Foundations with Tim Gray, Part 1

April 12th Episode 4, Biblical Foundations with Tim Gray, Part, 2

*Register with Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314



Health and Wellness Tuesdays

10:00-11:00 am, CLC-Meeting Room

April 11 - Prioritizing Exercise with Daily Activities. We will discuss creative ways to get movement/exercise into your day.

- Sheboygan County Historical Research Center Presentation. Learn about the SCHRC and how to utilize it from Steve Rogstad, Executive Director.

April 25 - Service Project: Making May Baskets to donate (charity to be determined)

*Register with Mary by the Friday before each event at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.



First Friday and Second Thursday Coffee

No First Friday Coffee due to Good Friday Thursday, April 13 after the 9:00 am Mass at BT in the CLC-Meeting Room

Walk the Walk...Our adult walking program is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-8:30 am in the old school gym on the 3rd floor at Blessed Trinity. Led by Diane Hart/SJE member. Any questions, call Mary at the Catholic Life Center at 920-467-4616, Ext. 314.



Afternoon at the Movies

Featuring the film, Fatima

This inspiring film is based on the true story of three children who see visions of the Virgin Mary in 1917 Portugal. The authorities are angered and their families are doubtful of their strong message of faith.

Wednesday, April 12 from 1:30-3:30 pm in the CLC-Meeting Room

BT/SJE Singles 55+ Group



Are you over 55 and want to socialize with like-situated individuals? The next social is on **Saturday**, **March 25**, 1:30-3:30 pm in the Catholic Life Center. Bring your own beverage and simple snack to share. We will wrap up in time for 4:00 pm Mass.

Please contact Mary at maryw@btsje.org or 920-467-4616, Ext. 314 to sign up or for more details.

Attention, Especially Parents! Suicide Prevention and Awareness Training

Wednesday, April 19, 7:00-8:00 pm

Blessed Trinity Church Basement-Meeting Room

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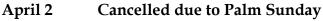
Discover your unique gifts and learn how God is inviting you to use them through the Called & Gifted Workshop.

Register by April 17 to reserve your space at www.archmil.org/called-and-gifted



Enrich Your Sunday First and Third Sundays of the Month

After 9:00 am Mass, 10:15-11:00 am St. John Evangelist's School Classroom



Embraced in Mercy: The Rite Explained from Session 3 of Forgiven (Formed.org) April 16

Join us for this video and discussion at a convenient time after Mass, with light refreshments. We finish by 11:00 am in time for other Sunday plans.

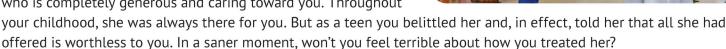


Dear Padre,

Why should I bother to be more religious? I'm a good person. Isn't that enough to get me into heaven?

When asked for advice about how people should decide on a vocation, St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, said they should do an imagination exercise. "Imagine that you are on your deathbed," he said. "From that point of view what would you wish you had done in your life?" That is still good advice.

Here's another exercise: Imagine you have a grandmother who is completely generous and caring toward you. Throughout



Our life with God is much the same. God has given us absolutely everything, from our existence to every breath we take. God has also given us a way to know him through his Son, Jesus (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 73). And one way we know Jesus is through the Church and the celebration of the sacraments (CCC 1085). To refuse these gifts, to say, "I am already a good person. I don't need these gifts from God" is a bit presumptuous, don't you think?

To be "religious" is not just an outward show of piety. It's the way we have been given to learn God's language: the language of forgiveness, of faith, hope, and love.



Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about **Dear Padre**.

MONDAY
March 20
St. Joseph
2 Sm 7:4-5a,
12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13,
16-18, 22 /
Mt 1:16, 18-21
24a

TUESDAY
March 21
Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY
March 22
Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15
In 5:17-30

THURSDAY March 23 Lenten Weekday Ex 32:7-14 Jn 5:31-47

FRIDAY March 24 Lenten Weekday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25 - 30

SATURDAY March 25 **Annunciation** of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38

SUNDAY
March 26
Fifth Sunday
of Lent
Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or
Jn 11:3-7, 17,
20-27, 33b-45



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We complain about things that are wrong in society, in the Church, in the world, without first questioning ourselves....Every fruitful, positive change must begin from ourselves. If we are blind, we cannot claim to be guides and teachers for others: indeed, a blind person cannot lead another blind person....

ANGELUS, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

